

**SHPO QUARTERLY REPORT  
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**Idaho State Historical Society  
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**NATIONAL REGISTER**

- Wood River Center Grange No. 87 (Shoshone, Lincoln County) was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Tricia processed a number of nominations for the October 17<sup>th</sup> Review Board meeting to be held in Moscow.
- Tricia worked with the Review Board and the Congregation of the Ahaveth Beth Israel Synagogue to provide documentation to the National Park Service regarding the upcoming move of the building. The building will be moved and the Congregation would like to retain the structure's NRHP eligibility. Early indications from the NPS is that the building will remain on the NRHP.

**SURVEY AND INVENTORY**

- As a result of cultural resource reports submitted, 34,262 acres surveyed at the intensive level and 3512 acres reconnaissance have been added to the state inventory. A total of 635 archaeological sites were added to the state inventory during this quarter.
- Accessions to the Idaho Historic Sites Inventory (IHSI) during this quarter total 1,127 properties and represent both intensive- and reconnaissance-level survey activity. Acreage surveyed totals approximately 2,874. Most of the properties accessioned were the result of an extensive survey undertaken in 2002 in the north end of Boise, while the remainder reflect Section 106 activities. There continues to be a backlog of site records, survey reports, and other miscellaneous records to accession. (This includes approximately 2,800 photographs accompanying the proposed Expanded Boise North End survey mentioned above, which are currently being appropriately archived to attach to each property record. However, progress continues.) Finally, thanks to intern Carrie Wakely, progress is taking place (at long last) on entry of site records into the IHSI automated database. Carrie enters limited data on each site record on a once-weekly basis. She assists other staff with their projects as well.

- Travis continues to digitize the Oregon Trail for the BLM. Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) zone 11 (western Idaho) is nearly complete. He began developing a plan to migrate all our GIS data from NAD 1927 to NAD 1983, a more accurate datum that most state and federal agencies are adopting.
- Don met with Dale Gray several times during this quarter for the Idaho Historic Bridge Survey (a TEA-21 project). Dale reports that the survey portion (field work) has been completed, and the final push is on to complete the context. The project deadline has been extended to February 2004 to accommodate surveying additional bridges not accounted for in the original scope, and to further research contextual information. The concrete bridge brochure draft was approved and is currently being published. The draft for the other bridge types is being prepared.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

- The full Senate passed a Department of Interior spending package with \$37 million in the Historic Preservation Fund for State Historic Preservation Offices. This marks a \$4 million increase over funding levels for States in FY2002. The House's Interior spending package, however, provides level funding at \$34 million for the States. A House and Senate conference committee is expected to take action on this issue and other Interior spending soon.
- Staff is working with Department of Administration and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to develop a process to count their projects as match for the SHPO program. An amendment to an existing agreement between IDPR and SHPO will formalize that relationship.
- State Deputy Attorney General Kay Manweiler met with SHPO staff on July 14 to provide legal guidance on how to maintain a consultants list.

## **COVENANTS AND EASEMENTS**

- Ken met again with private citizen Cliff Galli of Riggins to plan a historic properties conservation easement for his ranch on Race Creek.

## **CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

- Ann completed the evaluation status of two existing CLGs - Kootenai County and the City of Wallace. Both communities were recertified.
- Staff worked with this year's 15 CLG grant recipients to close out projects.

## **TAX ACT PROGRAM**

- No new applications were received this quarter. The Northrup Residence Part 2 was formally denied by the National Park Service for not meeting the Secretary's Standards. The project is well on its way toward completion, and illustrates the hazards owners assume when they don't "measure twice, cut once." As of this writing (10/7/03), it not known whether the owners will appeal the denial.
- Don provided technical assistance to potential developers of the Gem Block (Boise), Stoddard Mansion (Silver City), and 1201 W. Washington (Boise).

## **PLANNING**

- Ken and SHPO staff plan to resume the temporarily discontinued Historic Education Tours program during calendar 2004. An overture was made to ISHS Administration proposing a joint effort, with Admin providing logistical and bookkeeping support while SHPO staff designs the tours, produces text and graphics for mailings, and guides the fieldtrips. Deliberations continue...

## **REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE**

- A total of 531 federal projects have been reviewed under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and entered into the database. One hundred and seventy-eight (178) properties have been determined eligible and 278 determined not eligible. Thanks go to Kelley Green Davis for so diligently entering this data.
- Tricia met with NPS personnel at Farragut State Park in northern Idaho to assess the significance of the site's landscape and discuss the contracting of a landscape survey.
- Tricia, Ken, and Travis went to Ponderosa State Park with John Crowe to evaluate the historic Nazarene Camp for IDPR and inspect the sagebrush flat and forest thicket to be surveyed during the fourth quarter when foliage thins.
- Suzi and Travis met with the Idaho Transportation Department to discuss the potential for an agreement requiring ITD to submit state funded projects for review under a process similar to Section 106 Review. This agreement would be modeled after the ISHS's agreement with Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

- Ken visited Cascade Lake with Ray Leicht of the Bureau of Reclamation and Idaho State Fish & Game to discuss alternative historic resource survey designs and schedules for the exposed pool after the plug is pulled in 2005/2006 for the proposed fish-kill.
- Don and Suzi met with the Department of Administration to answer questions about preservation of the Federal Building on 8<sup>th</sup> and Bannock streets in Boise after the anticipated transfer of the building from GSA to the State of Idaho.
- Suzi attended a “Wings and Roots: Native American Campfire” meeting with representatives from the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, political appointees, and Air Force personnel at Mountain Home Air Force Base in July. Ken and Suzi attended the next “Wings and Roots” meeting in September. The September meeting was dedicated to a discussion about the Air Force’s archaeological consultant’s examination of a tractor wheel found on the Saylor Creek Range.
- In September, Suzi, Tricia, Mary Anne, and Glenda met with archaeologists and managers of the Owyhee Resource Area and the state office of Bureau of Land Management regarding the proposed sale of Flint in Owyhee County.
- On July 9-11 Mary Anne and Ken and folks from the Clearwater and Lolo National Forests, the National Park Service, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation inspected the Lolo Trail, discussed issues pertaining to the proposed undertakings planned for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, and blew out another State van tire old enough to be eligible for nomination to the National Register. They visited several sites earmarked for campground and trail improvements, tenting out at 12 Mile Saddle.
- On July 8, Mary Anne inspected the fiber optic project from Stanley to Custer involving the Sawtooth NF and the Salmon-Challis NF.
- On July 24 Mary Anne, Tricia, and Fred Walters met with Lloyd and Sherry Hiner in Placerville to inspect three historic buildings.
- On August 13 Mary Anne and Tricia met with the Boise NF Forest Supervisor and Forest personnel to clarify the Section 106 process for undertakings at Warm Lake Recreational Tract. A programmatic agreement is forthcoming in FY2004.
- Travis completed reviews for 39 ITD projects, two Idaho Dept. of Lands projects, five cell tower projects, and twelve Corps of Engineers projects (58 total).
- Ken inspected the Midvale Hill complex site cluster adjacent to an active ITD gravel quarry with Transportation Archaeologist Dan Gard and BLM archaeologist Dean Shaw on September 23. Plans for avoiding further impacts to the toolstone source zone were developed.

- Technical assistance meetings were held with Idaho Power Co. regarding Swan Falls Powerplant (August); Bureau of Reclamation re Minidoka Powerplant; ISHS staff re Rock Creek Station/Stricker House and Pierce Courthouse; New Heritage Theater Group re Boise Armory Building; and Don conducted an onsite investigation of Minidoka Powerplant to discuss possible rehabilitation issues as well as 106 Review.
- Don conducted several technical assistance meetings with the architects for the New Meadows railroad depot rehab project (a TEA-21 project). Don and Tricia also met with the architects for an emergency session regarding the baggage room roof.

## EDUCATION

- Suzi and Ann traveled to Poulson, Montana, to attend a regional conference hosted by the Montana SHPO and the Montana Preservation Alliance. Travel expenses were paid by the Montana SHPO.
- Larry and Suzi reviewed the BLM's text for new interpretive signs at Bonneville Point. They also met with Ada County representatives to discuss preservation easements on the Oregon Trail from Highway 21 to Bonneville Point.
- Glenda gave a presentation at the September meeting to the Kiwanis on "Natural History Discoveries of Lewis and Clark."
- Tricia gave the "Weird and Wacky" presentation at a continuing education session that Steve organized in July.
- Mary Anne, Shelley Davis-Brunner (BLM State Office), and the BLM graphic artist reviewed the cover design by the Anasazi Heritage Center for the Idaho books for Project Archaeology and identified better photographs and a less cluttered design as needed improvements. Mary Anne awaits the draft for the student reader.
- Mary Anne helped the Idaho Archaeological Society plan for the annual meeting scheduled October 24-25, 2003, at BSU.
- In July Don conducted a training session with county tax assessors regarding the National Register and tax incentives sponsored by Idaho State Tax Commission at BSU.
- Ken helped guide the Friends of the Pleistocene (Rocky Mountain Cell) field trip (~ 100 field geologists) at sites along the South Fork of the Payette in early September, and submitted a paper titled *Terraces, Forest Fires, Hearths, and Obsidian: Glimpses of Holocene Prehistory on the South Fork Payette and Stanley Basin on the Upper Salmon River* (pew!) for the field trip guidebook.

He learned a lot about hillslope processes and fire history over the last 6,000 years, and shared some archaeological knowledge about fire regimes near the mouth of Deadwood River during the Medieval Climatic Optimum (ca. A.D. 900).

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

- Ken submitted a paper co-authored with Daryl Ferguson on a site they tested in the Stanley basin to the *Idaho Archaeologist* for review.
- Ken met with Doug Duerr of the University of Nevada and Fred York of the National Park Service on August 19 to provide Idaho data on the prehistoric fishery along the Middle Snake River.
- Ken visited the DeMoss family in Meadows Valley with Trustee Max Pavesic to see the site and examine the collection of mortuary offerings found with an ossuary containing the remains of more than a score of 6,000-year-old hunter-gatherers. The site is on private land and is one of the most significant in Idaho. Discussions for the ultimate disposition of the collections at either ISHS or the Herrett Museum in Twin Falls were broached.

## **PERSONNEL**

- After 12 years in limbo, Belinda officially became a permanent, full-time employee for the State of Idaho on August 17. Her position of Historic Sites Registrar (Technical Records Specialist I) is now permanent.
- Ken accepted an invitation from ITD to participate in the evaluation and interviews for eleven finalists (out of 18 applicants) for the Transportation Archaeologist position recently vacated by Pam Demo.

## **GIFTS AND DONATIONS**

- Thanks go to Trustee Place for another generous contribution!

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- October 23: ISHS luncheon speaker Jim Woods has a date with 10,000 year old "Buhla."
- October 23: Annual meeting of ASI Board, Assay Office.
- October 24: Fall meeting of Idaho Advisory Council of Professional Archaeologists (Museum).

- October 24: IAS speaker Robert Yohe II on his recently unwrapped mummies.
- October 25: Idaho Archaeological Society annual meeting (BSU)
- November 2-3: Geological Society of America annual meeting includes a symposium on “The Peopling of the New World: Geology, Archaeology, and Paleoenvironments.” Seattle.

Respectfully submitted by:

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